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Colonel Christopher Knight
Florida Highway Patrol
The Neil Kirkman Building
Room A437, Mail Stop 40
2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Colonel Knight:

I attended a fairly routine traffic calendar in Sarasota, Sarasota County, Florida on June 23, 2005.

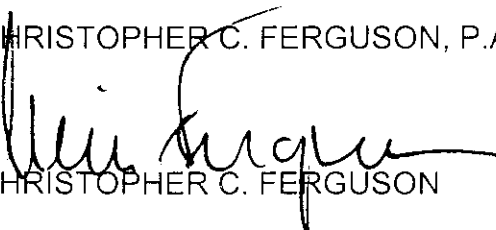
When the session was finished, I was leaving the courthouse when a sergeant and another Florida Highway Patrol trooper were escorting a very elderly woman from her car through the doors of the courthouse and to the bailiff so she could have the assistance of a wheelchair. It took several minutes. Each officer had an arm - the woman could have been anyone's grandmother. They treated her that way - with great patience and respect.

This vision affected me profoundly and will be with me for some time. I took the liberty of complimenting the officers and telling them that I hoped the few moments made up for some of their more painful duties.

I thought you might want to know this, and I hope I have been able to adequately convey this remarkable tableau for you. If you ever get to meet the officers, I hope you will thank them again for me personally. They certainly gave me pride as a citizen of this state for the Florida Highway Patrol.

With kindest regards,

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